

KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL

Peace Officer Training Standards

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council is responsible for certification or approval of curricula, instructors, and schools conducting peace officer training for purposes of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF) pay incentive, and the Peace Officer Professional Standards Act. The Department of Criminal Justice Training has obtained certification for all law enforcement officer courses contained in this schedule of classes. Other courses may also be approved.

Peace Officer Professional Standards

The Peace Officer Professional Standards Act establishes minimum qualifications for employment and certification as a peace officer in Kentucky. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council has been authorized by statute to administer the certification process.

Career Development Program

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council is also responsible for the Career Development Program. The program is open to law enforcement officers/telecommunicators, and provides structure to the training process through career tracking. The program will acknowledge and reward officers and telecommunicators whose training and academic efforts are aligned with career objectives.

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PEACE OFFICER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Basic Training: KRS 15.380 to KRS 15.404 requires the certification of State Police officers, city, county, and urban-county police officers, deputy sheriffs (except those identified in KRS 70-045 and 70.263(3)), state or public university safety and security officers, school security officers, airport safety and security officers, Alcoholic Beverage Control field representatives and investigators, and investigators of the Division of Insurance Fraud.

To be certified, KRS 15.404 requires peace officers to successfully complete, within one year of appointment or employment, 660 hours of basic training at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. This includes all full-time, part-time, and auxiliary officers, whether paid or unpaid.

Excepted from the basic training requirements are sheriffs, coroners, constables, jailers, Racing Commission security officers, and the Commissioner of State Police. Federal peace officers cannot be certified.

In-Service Training: KRS 15.404 requires peace officers annually to successfully complete 40 hours of in-service training approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. Courses must be approved prior to attendance for KLEFPF/POPS credit. Exempt from the in-service training requirements are sheriffs, coroners, constables, jailers, Racing Commission security officers, and the Commissioner of the State Police.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Telecommunications Training: KRS 15.530-15.590 requires any sworn or civilian employee who is employed by an agency utilizing the CJIS terminal, and the employee dispatches law enforcement by means of radio communications, on a full time basis, to successfully complete the 160-hour Telecommunications Academy within six months of their employment. Those same employees of agencies that do not utilize the CJIS terminal are required to successfully complete the 120-hour Telecommunications Academy for the Non-Terminal Agency course within twelve months of their employment. Full-time law enforcement telecommunicators in the state of Kentucky are also required to successfully complete 8 hours of Telecommunications in-service training each calendar year thereafter (KRS 15.560(2)). Part-time trainees attending the academy will pay for meals and housing.

Obtaining Credit for Basic Training

A law enforcement officer who as of his date of employment has already successfully completed a law enforcement basic training course may, for the purpose of obtaining credit for meeting the basic training requirement, apply to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council for credit. Upon receipt of the request, the Executive Director shall verify that the officer has successfully completed a basic training course that was certified or approved by the peace officer standards and training council in the state where it was taken. The officer and his department shall be responsible for providing the proof needed for verification. Minimum requirements include:

- A copy of the topics and hours of the basic course taken;
- Documentation that the course was successfully completed; and,
- Documentation that the course was approved or certified by the POST agency in the state taken.

If an officer has successfully completed a certified or approved basic training course and has honorably retired from a law enforcement agency, the training standard shall be the same as existed at the time and place the basic training was taken.

Obtaining Credit for In-Service Training

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council must approve any course taken for certification or KLEFPF credit. All law enforcement courses listed in this schedule of classes have been approved. Courses taken at other schools may also be approved. If the course has not been approved, an officer can request approval by submitting the following to the Council office **before** attending the course:

- The name of the agency conducting the course
- A schedule of the course
- A biographical list of instructors teaching the course
- Number of hours of training
- As much descriptive information about the course as possible to assist the Council in making its decision

Except in unusual circumstances, the Council does not approve for training credit:

- Conferences where attendance is not mandatory and recorded
- Courses that are not tested
- Courses that are submitted after the fact
- Courses presented by commercial enterprises to sell products or services

If an officer learns of the existence of a course between Council meetings and wants to request approval, it should be done by addressing a letter to the Council office including as much information as possible about the course. The request will be presented at the next regular Council meeting where a decision will be made.

KLEC Approved Out-of-State Basic Training

Police Basic Training taken in another state may be transferred to Kentucky.

For training to transfer, it must meet the same standards that exist in Kentucky in terms of topics and hours.

The following documentation must be submitted:

1. A copy of the topics and hours of the Police Basic Training taken.
2. Documentation that shows the training was successfully completed.
3. Documentation that the training was certified or approved by the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) agency in the state where the training was taken.
4. Documentation that the applicant was certified and successfully completed probation as a law enforcement officer in the state where the basic training was taken.

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council will also approve a police basic training course that was less than the 660 hours under the following conditions:

1. The basic course met Kentucky's training standards at the time it was taken.

If the above conditions are met, in order to become certified the officer must successfully complete:

1. The Basic Officer Skills course, (#0782-02C)
2. The Legal Update: Constitutional Procedures and Legal Update: Penal Code courses (#1026-02R and #0890-03C)
3. Mandatory Training.
4. **If trained after 12-01-98 applicant must meet all Peace Officer Professional Standards Act requirements.**